



# City Connection

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## Recycling Pilot at Elkins Lake starts successfully



### A note from the desk of Jenine Dean, Assistant Superintendent of Solid Waste

*We are happy to announce that we collected 9.12 tons of recycling with our first pickup in the Elkins Lake subdivision. There were 712 carts set out that Thursday morning and we look for an even larger participation rate with the next pickup.*

The more recycling we collect, the more we can keep out of our landfills. There are so many citizens working hard to keep our earth clean and we greatly appreciate all your efforts.

Please remember shredded paper MUST be bagged to prevent spillage during collection. Bagging shredded paper also prevents an even larger issue when sorting the items back at the Recycling Center. We encourage you to recycle as much as possible. If there are items that you are unsure of or that are not listed, please feel free to call us at 936-294-5743.

Additional recycling guidelines can be found on the City's homepage, <http://www.huntsvilletx.gov>.

**Always think GREEN and remember the three R's: REDUCE – the amount of products you use, REUSE – a product instead of throwing it away, and RECYCLE – products whenever you can.**

*Thank you for your recycling!*

## City water bill averages soon to be calculated for yearly rate

Water meter usage for the months of November through February is used to calculate your new average sewer charge for the next year.

February marks the final month which will be used for this calculation, after which the average charge will be billed out for the next 12 months.

"As always, February's water usage will be reflected on the utility bills generated and mailed out in March," Jerri Weaver, City of Huntsville Billing and Revenue Manager, said. "The new winter sewer averages will then be calculated (after the bills are generated in March) and reflected on the utility bills

mailed out in April.

"That same charge will be reflected until March 2011, giving us time to gauge water usage during the next winter season."

Residents who experienced leaks or broken pipes during the winter season should contact Utility Billing at (936) 291-5431.

"In the event of a leak or broken pipe, we will consider making an adjustment to the customer's bill if they provide us a receipt for repairs or parts used to fix the problem," Weaver said. "We'll also take such events into consideration when calculating winter averages."

**Citizens of Huntsville**

*Look inside for information on your 2010 Census!*

# Census 2010 - Important information

## 10 QUESTIONS MINUTES

TO DEFINE WHO WE ARE AS A NATION

### The Census: A Snapshot

- **What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- **Who:** All U.S. residents must be counted—both citizens and non citizens.
- **When:** You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person.
- **Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- **How:** Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

### A Complete Count:

#### The Importance of Census Data

- Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- Census data are used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities.
- Census data determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

### 2010 Census Questionnaire: Easy, Important and Safe

- With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages and races of others living in the household.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

## United States Census 2010

### CENSUS HISTORY

The first census took place in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census also was created to gain a better understanding of where people lived and to establish patterns of settlement as the nation grew.

### ABOUT THE CENSUS BUREAU

The Census Bureau was established in 1902. Today, in addition to administering the census of population and housing, the Census Bureau conducts more than 200 annual surveys, including the American Community Survey, the Current Population Survey and economic censuses every five years.



**We move  
forward  
when you  
send it back.**

## 2010 Census Key Dates

**February –  
March 2010**

Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.

**March – April  
2010**

Be Counted program is implemented. Census questionnaires are available at select public sites for individuals who did not receive one by mail.

**April 1, 2010**

Census Day

**May – July 2010**

Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

**Dec. 31, 2010**

By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President.

**March 2011**

By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

For more information, visit

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>

## Febrero - Marzo 2010

Los cuestionarios del Censo son enviados o entregados a casas.

## Marzo - Abril 2010

El programa Sea Contado es puesto en práctica. Los cuestionarios de Censo están disponibles en sitios públicos escogidos para individuos que no recibieron uno por el correo.

## Abril 1, 2010

Día Del Censo

## Mayo - Julio 2010

Los interesados de Censo visitan casas que no devolvieron un cuestionario por el correo.

## Diciembre 31, 2010

Según la ley, la Oficina del Censo entrega cuentas demográficas al presidente.

## Marzo 2011

Según la ley, la Oficina del Censo completa la entrega de datos redestrijidos a los estados.

# 10 PREGUNTAS MINUTOS

## PARA QUE SE ESCUCHE NUESTRA VOZ

### El Censo: datos importantes

- **¿Qué es?** El Censo es un conteo de todas las personas que viven en los Estados Unidos.
- **¿Para quién?** Toda persona que vive en los EE.UU. tiene que ser contada; personas de todas las razas y grupos étnicos, tanto ciudadanos como no ciudadanos.
- **¿Cuándo es?** Usted recibirá su cuestionario en marzo del 2010, ya sea por correo o por entrega personal. Algunas personas en áreas remotas serán contadas en persona.
- **¿Por qué?** La Constitución de los EE.UU. requiere un censo nacional cada 10 años para contar la población y determinar la cantidad de espacios que cada estado tendrá en la Cámara de Representantes de los EE.UU.
- **¿Cómo?** Los hogares deben llenar y devolver sus cuestionarios en cuanto los reciban. Los hogares que no respondan podrían recibir un cuestionario de reemplazo a principios de abril. Los empleados del Censo en su comunidad, visitarán los hogares que no devuelvan sus cuestionarios, para contarlos en persona. El representante del Censo se compromete bajo juramento a proteger su información que, por ley, es confidencial. ¡Ábrale su puerta en confianza!

### Un conteo completo: ¿Cuán importante es para su comunidad?

- Cada año, el gobierno federal asigna más de \$400 mil millones de dólares a los estados y las comunidades, basado parcialmente en los datos del Censo.
- Los datos del Censo se utilizan para decidir dónde ubicar tiendas, escuelas, hospitales, nuevos proyectos de vivienda y otras facilidades comunitarias.
- Los datos del Censo determinan los distritos legislativos y congresionales, tanto locales como estatales.

### Cuestionario del Censo del 2010: fácil, importante y confidencial

- El cuestionario del Censo del 2010 sólo tiene 10 preguntas y toma alrededor de 10 minutos completarlo. Se pregunta a los hogares información demográfica importante tales como: si la unidad de vivienda es alquilada o propia, la dirección de la residencia y los nombres, sexos, edades y razas de quienes viven en el hogar.
- Por ley, la Oficina del Censo no puede compartir las respuestas del cuestionario del Censo con nadie, ni siquiera con otras agencias federales y entidades policiales y del orden público.

United States  
Census  
2010

### LA HISTORIA DEL CENSO

El primer Censo se llevó a cabo en el 1790 para determinar la cantidad de espacios que cada estado tendría en la Cámara de Representantes de los EE.UU. El Censo también se creó para entender mejor dónde vivía la gente y para establecer los patrones de asentamiento en la medida que la nación crecía.

### SOBRE LA OFICINA DEL CENSO

La Oficina del Censo se estableció en el 1902. Hoy, además de administrar el Censo de la Población y la Vivienda, la Oficina del Censo realiza más de 200 encuestas anuales, incluyendo la Encuesta sobre la Comunidad Estadounidense, la Encuesta de la Población Actual y censos económicos cada cinco años.



Para progresar, lo tenemos que enviar.

Para mas informacion porfavor visite:  
<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>.



## Police/Fire Statistics: December 2009

**Police:**

- ◆ Calls for service: **4406**
- ◆ Accidents investigated: **100**
- ◆ Animal Control complaints investigated: **70**

**Fire:**

- ◆ Calls for service: **97**
- ◆ Main alarm calls: **22**

# Calendar

**February 2010**

- 2 City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1212 Avenue M
- 3 Yard Waste Trimming Collection - no call in required
- 4 Recycling Pick-up in Elkins Lake
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Please note: All requests for Heavy Trash pick-up must be made no later than noon on Monday, the week of the pick-up.

## For Your Information

The City of Huntsville biennial survey is now available online at <http://www.surveyssoftware.net/cgi-bin/SSWEB95.exe?f=huntsville+survey>  
Please take a moment to share your thoughts with us.

Also, in addition to the City of Huntsville's own Web site, [www.huntsvilletx.gov](http://www.huntsvilletx.gov), citizens can also go to Facebook or Twitter to keep up with City news.

On Facebook.com, just search "City of Huntsville" and become a fan. Or, follow us on Twitter through <http://twitter.com/HuntsvilleTexas>.